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1. IN CONVERSATION AMONG OTHER DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, I GATHER IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS BY NO MEANS A CONSENSUS THAT VENEZUELAN DEMARCHE WILL SUCCEED. MY DOMINICAN COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR RAFAEL BONILLA AYBAR, CONFIDES THAT IN HIS OPINION, NO MATTER WHAT PEREZ CHIRIBOGA TOLD ME YESTERDAY, COLOMBIA WILL PROBABLY NOT SUPPORT THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE, AND HE HAS DOUBTS ABOUT ECUADOR, ALTHOUGH BY HIS COUNT HE THINKS PANAMA WILL COME ALONG WITH THE VENEZUELAN.

2. AS FOR PEREZ'S REMARK ABOUT COSTA RICA'S "JURIDICAL POSITION," AMBASSADOR BONILLA AYBAR SAYS THIS IS A CLEVER FALLBACK POSITION BY COSTA RICA IN INSISTING THAT QUESTION BE POSED BEFORE THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION RATHER THAN THE OAS COUNCIL BECAUSE IN FORMER A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IS REQUIRED. HE SAID THAT AFTER CASTRO'S JULY 26 SPEECH IMPUGNING PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND MAKING NASTY REMARKS ABOUT URUGUAY, IT SEEMED DOUBTFUL THAT EVEN A SIMPLE MAJORITY COULD BE ACHIEVED; BUT THAT COSTA RICA'S INITIATIVE IN REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE WOULD BE DECISIVE (AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS IN A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES) IN STALLING OFF THE CUBA RECOGNITION ISSUE.
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